

The cap 16 of the Kopenhagen patent mates with the bushing 40 quite unlike the collar (3) of the present application which "...is able to screw onto the thread (221) on the second cover (22) of another decorative light.", as disclosed on page 4, line 15 of the specification. The Kopenhagen cap cannot engage directly with either a second end of another cable or the second end of itself, as can the present application.

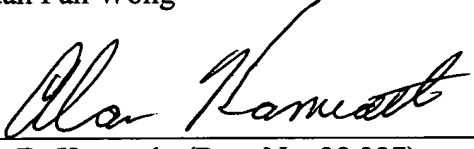
Thus, for the above reasons and the reasons set forth in the previously filed AMENDMENT, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now existing in this application are in condition for allowance. Such favorable action is respectfully requested.

If any obstacles exist to the allowance of this application which can be resolved in a telephone interview, the undersigned encourages the Examiner to initiate such a telephone interview where such obstacles can be mutually resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tsui-Tuan Fan Wong

Dated: October 1, 2001

By: 
Alan D. Kamrath (Reg. No. 28,227)
RIDER BENNETT EGAN & ARUNDEL
333 South Seventh Street, Suite 2000
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Tel: (612) 340-8925
Fax: (612) 340-7900